pairs are expected to be completed by about June, 1986.

Delinking of DDA from Construction Activity

844. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to delink the Delhi Development Authority from construction activity to restrict its functions to only acquiring of lands in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) which other agency is proposed to be entrusted with the job of construction of houses/flats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) he Estimate Committee in their 85th Report (1984-85) and 15th Report (1985-86) have suggested setting up of a Housing Board for Delhi. In respect of the 85th Report (1984-85) the Estimate Committee was informed on 3-9-85 that it would not be practicable to accept their suggestion for setting up of a Housing Board. The 15th Report (1985-86) of this Committee was submitted to Parliament 22-12-85 and a decision on the recommendation contained therein is required to be taken and conveyed to Estimate Committee by 21-5-86.

Sale of Defectives at Throw Away Prices by Steel Plant Officials

845. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several instances have come to the notice of Government about the sale of defectives at Bokaro, Bhilai and Ranchi plants at a throw away price by the officials of these units; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the quantity sold/disposed of during the year 1985-86 up to 31st March?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) No instances of sale of defectives of Bokaro and Bhilai Steel Plants at throw away prices have come to the notice of Government. The Central Marketing Organisation of SAIL and the plants sell this material at listed prices, or through tender/auction when it is not possible to sell it at listed prices.

During 1985-86, about 1 52 lakh tonnes of defectives were sold by the Central Marketing Organisation of SAIL.

Arrears of Rent Due from Former Ministers and Former Members of Parliament

846. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several thousands of rupees are due from the former Ministers and former Members of Parliament by way of non-payment of rents during the past several years.

(b) what action if any, has been taken to recover arrears of house rent and electric charges standing against these former members and Ministers; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the event of these arrears being not recovered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) Appropriate steps at the Departmental level are taken for recovery of Government dues in these cases.

(c) As a last resort, action for recovery of arrears on account of rent/damages is taken under the provisions of the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971.

Retired Government Employees Retaining Government Accommodation

847. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the period upto which a retired Government employee is allowed to retain Government accommodation after the date of his retirement;

(b) what are the terms and conditions in respect thereof;

(c) the number of Government employees who have been retaining the Government accommodation after their retirement beyond this period;

(d) what action has been taken to get Government accommodation vacated; and

(e) what penalty has been levied on them for overstaying in Government accommodation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Retired Government employees are allowed to retain the quarters for four months on payment of normal licence fee and another four months for bonafide use of the officer or his family on payment of enhanced licence fee under SR-317-B-22.

(c) 1281 retired government employees are retaining the government accommodation after retirement beyond this period.

(d) Eviction of proceedings have been launched against them under P.P. Act, 1971.

(e) They are liable to pay damages for overstaying.

Books on national leaders

848. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Publications Department of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting have published books on national leaders during 1984-85 and 1985-86; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

A statement giving details of books published during 1984-85 and 1985-86 is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

1984-85

ENGLISH

1. Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi (pictorial)
2. Dr. Pattabhi Sitarammaya
3. U. Tirot Singh
4. Telo DeMascarenhas
5. Swami Dayanand Saraswati
6. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
7. Baba Kanshi Ram

HINDI

1. Swami Vivekananda
2. S. Satayamurti
3. Kandukoori Veerashilingam
4. Nazrul Haque
5. Chandershekhar Venkataraman
6. S. Srinivas Iyangar (Pictorial)
7. Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi
8. Hanuman Prasad Poddar